



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 3 March 2024

Lent 3



Time to
Clean House

John 2:13-22

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” ²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This Week

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| Lent Reflections | 10.30am Tuesday 5th March |
| Lent Reflections | 2pm Thursday 7th March |
| Book Club | 1.30pm Wednesday 6th March |
| Meditation | 10am Thursday 7th March |

This Week's Service

Today's service will have a couple of 'special' elements to it. Firstly, we will be delighted to welcome **Harry Davidson** into membership at the Seacliff Uniting Church. Please show your support for Harry.

Secondly, we will be commissioning/recommissioning our Church Councillors. Being on Church Council is a responsible position so let's support those who are willing to serve in this way.

Lent Reflections

We will be offering 5 sessions for Lenten Reflection.

These will be on **Tuesday mornings at 10:30am and Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm**. The Third round of reflections will be on **Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March**.

Meditation

Normally meditation is on the first Thursday of the month in the afternoon. In March, to avoid clashing with a Lenten reflection group, meditation is **Thursday morning, 10am on March 7th**.

Maundy Thursday – 28th March

Over the last couple of years, we have shared this service with the Brighton Uniting Church, and this year it is our turn to host it. The evening will commence at **6:30pm** with the sharing of fellowship and refreshments. This gives us the opportunity to get to know our UC neighbours a little more. Then, just prior to 7:30pm, we will move into the church for the Maundy Thursday service. Annette Craven has kindly offered to coordinate a roster for the hospitality. She will no doubt be putting out a call for assistance in the near future.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Gary

Cogs N Coffee

On what turned out to be a very pleasant morning, 9 of us found our way over to the Torrens, down the Torrens and on to the cafe at West Beach Caravan Park for our refreshments. Along the beach front home with a cooling Westerly blowing.

Next weeks ride, Bruce will lead, catching the 8.40am train from Seacliff to Seaford and riding to McLaren Flat all in preparation for our Warburton riding camp early March. If the weather is not suitable, Bruce will make contact.

Brian



Book Club

Our March Book Club meeting is coming up next week on **Wednesday 6th** of March already. !!

We'll be meeting at **Flora's home at 16 Norfolk Road**, Marion at the usual time of **1.30 pm**.

Hope you have enjoyed the book and are ready for a good discussion. See you all soon.

The next book in the Club programme is *Taking Tom Murray Home* by Tim Slee.

Josie

Prayer points from UC E-News

This week we pray:

For those experiencing weather extremes, with loss of property due to fire and floods.

For all students as they commence the new year both at school and university; and for the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology staff and students as Semester 1 begins this week.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **3 March 2024: Ex 20: 1 - 7; Ps 19;**
1 Cor 1: 18 - 25; Jn 2: 13 - 22.
Reminder for Stewards: 10 March 2024
Colin Theakstone Dennis Wood

Welcome to our Church.

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor.
Fire exits are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. **St John First Aid Kit** - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. **Toilets** are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. **Morning tea** is held after the service – we hope you will join with us. According to our **Covid plan**, please note the seating arrangements within the building for your safety.

Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to
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by 5pm on Wednesdays.
If you do not have access to
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